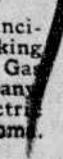


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Petition Against C. & A.

K. C., St. L. & C. Stockholders
Ask \$598,912 Be Restored

According to announcement yesterday by the recently formed independent stockholders' committee of the leased lines of the Chicago & Alton Railroad Company an intervening petition has been filed in the Federal District Court in Chicago against the company and its receivers by the executors of the estate of William A. Slater, a large holder of the guaranteed preferred stock of the Kansas City, St. Louis & Chicago Railroad Company, on behalf of the majority stockholders of the road, for the restoration of \$598,912 allotted to have been wrongfully appropriated by the Alton company shortly before it went into receivers' hands.

It is alleged that this sum the needs of the sale of some terminal property of the Kansas City road, was turned over to the Alton company without substantial consideration.

A preliminary hearing is scheduled before Federal Judge Carpenter in Chicago within a few days.

Polish Grain Estimates

The grain crops of Poland will, according to Trade Commissioner Smith of Warsaw, in a cable dated October 14, be somewhat less than that given in the last estimate. The late September conditions indicate yields as follows: Wheat, 42,200,000 bushels; barley, 300,000,000 bushels; rye, 200,000,000 bushels; oats, 182,500,000 bushels.

The potato crop is expected to yield 301,700,000 bushels. The price of rye is reported a below that of barley and wheat. The crops contain an excessive amount of moisture, due to unfavorable weather. Large amounts of bread grains will therefore be fed to cattle, leaving little, if any, exportable surplus.

American Hosiery in Cuba

Under normal conditions Cuba furnishes a good market for American hosiery and underwear, but at present the market in textiles is overstuffed, as shown by the fact that dry goods to the value of \$732,535 have been returned to manufacturers in the United States during the first six months of 1922. Owing to the radical changes in the market since 1920 it is advisable to secure new commercial ratings in almost every instance before opening business relations, says General Consul Stevens.

The Trend in Finance

Shares Recover Somewhat From Technical Reaction;
Marks Plunge to New Depths; Domestic
Money Rates Little Changed

By Merryle Stanley Rukeyser

THOSE skeptics who feared that the setback of security prices of the last fortnight was foreshadowing an adverse change in the business situation were hard put to explain the recovery toward the end of the week. A sounder theory was that the reaction was primarily due to a readjustment of the internal technical position of the market, which had been weakened early in October through the ill-advised speculation based on the wholesale declaration of stock dividends which increase claims on assets but in no way augment the real wealth available for share holders.

Reactions in a bull market are common phenomena, and, if anything, the recent setback seemed overdue. Speculation for the rise based on the mere abundance of credit seems fairly well to have spent itself, particularly since at present reviving trade and increased seasonal requirements of agriculture are making increased drafts on the money reservoirs. Since the lowest point of the depression substantial expansion of the physical volume of trade, particularly in basic industries, has been made, and the expectation of this has been a primary motive in the speculative buying of securities, which started late in August, 1921. Up to the present, that stage in the changing business cycle where actual profits become substantial and growing has by no means been reached, and it seems likely that the next phase of the speculative movement will be marked by a concentration of attention on the actual position of corporate treasures, present and prospective. Prospects for net profits will come to the foreground, and where the outlook in this particular is good the bulls may be expected to search for ammunition.

The present relative stiffness in domestic money rates, reflecting growing trade and agricultural needs, is expected to show little change before the turn of the year.

The Week in Retrospect

Monday—Studebaker reports earnings equivalent to \$7.18 a share on the common in third quarter.

Tuesday—U. S. Steel reports deficit after dividends of \$1,330,602 for third quarter.

Wednesday—Writ issued to compel calling meeting of Pierce Oil preferred stockholders to elect new board.

Thursday—Marks fall to new low level at 5,714 to the dollar.

Friday—Raw silk delivery heaviest in three years.

Offer \$18,805,000 Issue Of Louisville G. & E. Co.

Thirty-Year 5 Per Cent Bonds
Are Priced to Yield About
5.60 Per Cent

Offering will be made to-day by a syndicate composed of Harris, Forbes & Co., the Guaranty Company, E. H. Rollins & Sons, H. M. Byllesby & Co., Inc., Blyth, Witter & Co., Hambleton & Co. and the Federal Securities Corporation of a new issue of \$18,805,000 Louisville Gas and Electric Company first and refunding mortgage at 5 per cent bonds. The issue is priced at 91 1/2 and interest to yield about 5.60 per cent, and is redeemable up to November 1, 1942, at 110, thereafter to November 1, 1947, at 105, thereafter through November 1, 1951, at 102, and at maturity at par.

The bonds are secured by a first mortgage on the entire property of the company, subject only to a lien of \$1,195,000 underlying bonds. Proceeds of this issue and of the junior financing will be used to refund the company's bonds and bond secured notes, and to provide for construction expenditures, working capital and other corporate purposes.

Summary of Stock Exchange Dealings

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STOCKS

Last week before
Year ago 1922 1921 1920

Railroad stocks 866,200 862,500 499,000 48,873,400 30,785,800 45,889,200

Other stocks 4,983,800 4,888,500 2,657,500 173,581,700 90,684,500 135,742,300

All stocks 5,880,000 5,261,000 3,156,500 222,456,100 121,560,300 181,641,000

BONDS

January 1 to date

Last week before
Year ago 1922 1921 1920

U. S. government bond \$29,260,000 \$24,409,000 \$25,150,000 \$1,470,685,000 \$1,683,791,000

Other bond 20,637,000 21,576,000 24,160,000 1,004,753,000 418,970,000

Railroad bonds 28,066,000 30,425,000 31,277,000 1,175,843,000 635,743,000

All bonds 77,178,000 86,290,000 89,598,000 3,651,281,000 2,737,841,000

Record of Stock and Bond Averages

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STOCKS

Range Jan. 1 to
date

High Low High Low High Low

20 Railroads 79.85 78.20 64.05 63.70 83.15 63.65 67.36

30 Industrials 67.97 64.73 69.53 65.87 100.67 73.87 79.13

50 Stocks 90.72 88.16 66.88 69.30 73.38 61.02

BONDS

January 1 to date

Last week before
Year ago 1922 1921 1920

10 Railroad bonds 85.20 84.41 77.98 76.21 88.70 80.86 82.12

10 Industrial bonds 92.61 92.40 82.38 81.88 95.25 88.55 87.68

5 Utility bonds 91.32 91.15 77.35 76.58 92.35 80.65 81.05

25 Bonds 89.39 88.96 78.60 78.55 91.72 83.03 88.80

Transactions Last Week in Listed Stocks

High 1922, Date, 1922, Date, Div. in \$.

Sales, High, Low, Close, Net
do pf 600 124 122 124

85% Sept 9 1922, Date, 1922, Date, Div. in \$.

Sales, High, Low, Close, Net
do pf 10,000 84 75 82 1/2

30% Sept 14 1922, Date, 1922, Date, Div. in \$.

Sales, High, Low, Close, Net
do pf 3,200 41 38 38 1/2

50% Sept 20 1922, Date, 1922, Date, Div. in \$.

Sales, High, Low, Close, Net
do pf 3,200 99 96 96 1/2

100% Sept 25 1922, Date, 1922, Date, Div. in \$.

Sales, High, Low, Close, Net
do pf 3,200 104 101 101 1/2

150% Sept 28 1922, Date, 1922, Date, Div. in \$.

Sales, High, Low, Close, Net
do pf 3,200 104 101 101 1/2

200% Sept 30 1922, Date, 1922, Date, Div. in \$.

Sales, High, Low, Close, Net
do pf 3,200 104 101 101 1/2

250% Oct 1 1922, Date, 1922, Date, Div. in \$.

Sales, High, Low, Close, Net
do pf 3,200 104 101 101 1/2

300% Oct 2 1922, Date, 1922, Date, Div. in \$.

Sales, High, Low, Close, Net
do pf 3,200 104 101 101 1/2

350% Oct 3 1922, Date, 1922, Date, Div. in \$.

Sales, High, Low, Close, Net
do pf 3,200 104 101 101 1/2

400% Oct 4 1922, Date, 1922, Date, Div. in \$.

Sales, High, Low, Close, Net
do pf 3,200 104 101 101 1/2

450% Oct 5 1922, Date, 1922, Date, Div. in \$.

Sales, High, Low, Close, Net
do pf 3,200 104 101 101 1/2

500% Oct 6 1922, Date, 1922, Date, Div. in \$.

Sales, High, Low, Close, Net
do pf 3,200 104 101 101 1/2

550% Oct 7 1922, Date, 1922, Date, Div. in \$.

Sales, High, Low, Close, Net
do pf 3,200 104 101 101 1/2

600% Oct 8 1922, Date, 1922, Date, Div. in \$.

Sales, High, Low, Close, Net
do pf 3,200 104 101 101 1/2

650% Oct 9 1922, Date, 1922, Date, Div. in \$.

Sales, High, Low, Close, Net
do pf 3,200 104 101 101 1/2

700% Oct 10 1922, Date, 1922, Date, Div. in \$.

Sales, High, Low, Close, Net
do pf 3,200 104 101 101 1/2

750% Oct 11 1922, Date, 1922, Date, Div. in \$.

Sales, High, Low, Close, Net
do pf 3,200 104 101 101 1/2

800%